

# HOUSE BILL No. 1956

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 25-35.6.

**Synopsis:** Speech and hearing pathologist licensure. Requires the speech-language pathology and audiology board to review requests for waivers of education requirements for licensure.

**Effective:** July 1, 2003.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 25-35.6-1-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2003]: **Sec. 6. The board may waive the education requirements**  
4 **for licensure set forth in section 5(2) and 5(3) of this chapter for a**  
5 **person if:**

6           **(1) the person is licensed as a speech-language pathologist or**  
7           **audiologist in another state; and**

8           **(2) the board determines that the person has experience**  
9           **reasonably equal to a master's degree in the area of**  
10          **speech-language pathology or audiology.**

11       SECTION 2. IC 25-35.6-2-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
12 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 2. (a) The board:

13           (1) shall administer, coordinate, and enforce this article;

14           (2) shall evaluate the qualifications and supervise the  
15 examinations of applicants for licensure under this article;

16           (3) may issue subpoenas, examine witnesses, and administer  
17 oaths; ~~and~~



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(4) shall, at its discretion, investigate allegations of practices violating this article, subject to IC 25-1-7; **and**

**(5) shall review applicant requests for the waiver of education requirements under IC 25-35.6-1-6.**

(b) The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 relating to professional conduct commensurate with the policy of this article, including rules that establish standards for the competent practice of speech-language pathology and audiology. Following their adoption, the rules govern and control the professional conduct of every person who holds a license to practice speech-language pathology or audiology in this state.

(c) The board shall conduct the hearings and keep the records and minutes necessary for the orderly dispatch of its functions. The board shall have notice provided to the appropriate persons in a manner it considers appropriate of the times and places of all hearings authorized by this subsection. Approval by a majority of a quorum of the board is required for any action to be taken in actions for revocation or suspension of a license issued under this article.

(d) The board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to:

- (1) administer or enforce this article;
- (2) register persons in the process of fulfilling the clinical experience required for a license under this article;
- (3) establish fees in accordance with IC 25-1-8-2; and
- (4) register speech-language pathology and audiology aides and establish rules governing the duties of aides.

(e) The conferral or enumeration of specific powers elsewhere in this article shall not be construed as a limitation of the general functions conferred by this section.

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